

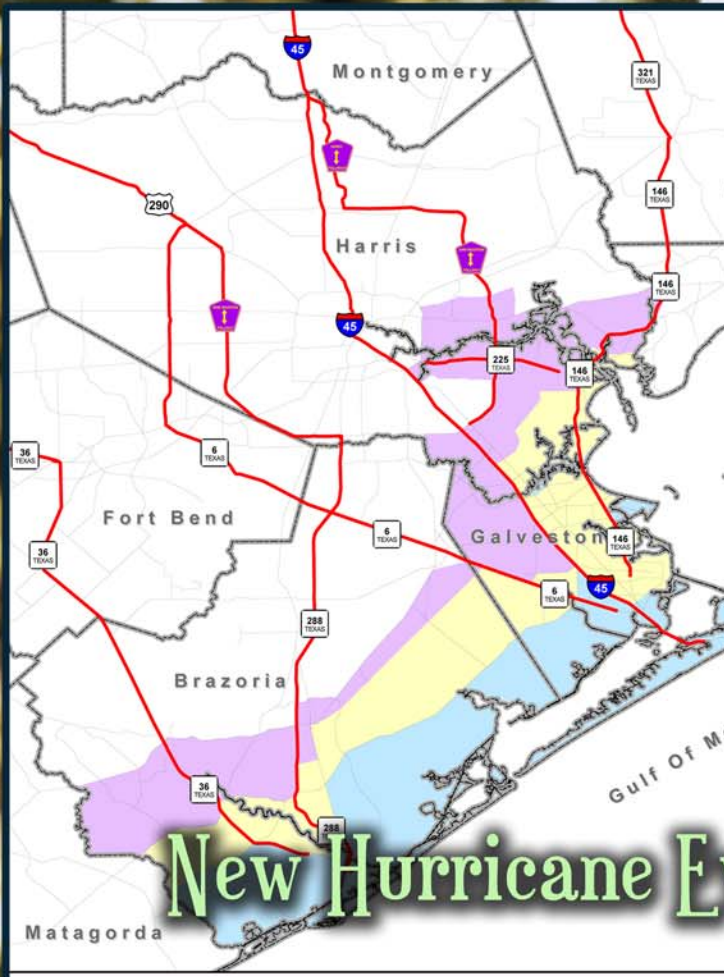
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The City of *Enchantment*

Greetings from the Mayor

Greetings to the Citizens of Lake Jackson,

In an effort to provide even more timely communications to the citizens of Lake Jackson we have decided to add an additional newsletter this year. This is in addition to our existing TV broadcast on channel 16 and the city web page, www.ci.lake-jackson.tx.us.

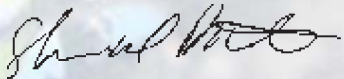
As most of you realize this years hurricane season is already upon us. For those who were unable to attend the Perfect Storm events at the Civic Center, there was quite a bit of information provided on weather forecasts, flooding and evacuation routes. Please take the time to plan ahead and be prepared for a possible hurricane. There is information in this newsletter about the new evacuation plan for Brazoria County and the flooding potential for a strong hurricane. We will be broadcasting more information on the city's TV channel.

Upon declaration of evacuation by the County Judge, Brazoria County will have two evacuation routes. For East of the Brazos Highway 288 to Beltway 8 around to Highway to 290 and then to the host cities of Bryan-College station. For West of the Brazos, the route will be Highway 36 to Brenham. These will be dedicated routes, with extremely limited access outside of the county and priority at all intersections. The best plan is to evacuate early if you can and avoid the rush.

On a more positive note, we welcome several new city council members who will provide their time and expertise to operations and budget of the city. Additionally the bond election was approved by the voters so that we can make significant improvements to the Caladium, Cypress, Redwood and Jonquil area. We will also be able to revamp our emergency service communications equipment and elevate to the second floor in the old fire station area, as well as provide a larger courtroom area for those who have the unfortunate experience of having to visit with the judge.

The new fire station is due to be completed in August and we look forward the dedication of this building for our Fire and Emergency Services personnel.

Best Wishes for good health and happiness.



Shane Pirtle
Mayor

Lake Jackson Mission Statement

It is the mission of the city of Lake Jackson to be a leader among cities and in the region at large in delivering outstanding quality services to all citizens through innovative and efficient use of resources.

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Directory

— Phone Numbers —

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| Emergency - Only! (police, fire and ambulance) | 911 |
| Non-Emergency (police & fire) | 415-2700 |
| City Hall | 415-2400 |
| Utility Billing | 415-2434 |
| Public Works | 415-2430 |
| Inspections | 415-2432 |
| Engineering | 415-2413 |
| City Manager/Administration | 415-2500 |
| Civic Center | 415-2600 |
| Recreation Center | 297-4533 |
| Humane Center | 415-2700 |
| Regional Animal Shelter | 285-2340 |
| Municipal Court | 297-1031 |
| Library | 297-1271 |

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Visit our Website at
www.ci.lake-jackson.tx.us



Boards & Commissions Meeting Schedule

Planning Commission • 7 p.m. • 1st Tuesday

Youth Advisory Commission
(meets at police station) 6 p.m. • 1st Tuesday

Traffic Commission • 7 p.m. • 2nd Tuesday

Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful • 6 p.m. • 3rd Tuesday

Beautification Commission • 7 p.m. • 3rd Tuesday

Senior Citizen Commission
(meets at civic center) 6:30 p.m. • 4th Monday

Parks & Recreation Board • 7 p.m. 4th Tuesday

Library Board (meets at library) • 5:15 p.m.
Quarterly - 3rd Tuesday

As Called:

Animal Control

Board of Health

Electrical Board

LJ Development Corporation

Museum Board

Zoning Board of Adjustments

Charter Review Commission (Odd Years)

*All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held at
Lake Jackson City Hall • 25 Oak Drive
You are cordially invited to attend*

Project Updates



Fire/EMS

New Fire/EMS Station Construction Begins Again

After a three-month delay, construction on the new Fire/EMS station has geared up once again. On March 3, 2005, the General Contractor, Braselton Construction Company, voluntarily defaulted on their contract with the City due to financial difficulties.

The City signed a contract with the bonding company to complete the building by August 31, 2005 within the contract budget.

The new station will replace Fire Station No. 1 located directly across the street. The 20,800 square foot facility consists of four drive-thru bays for Fire and three bays for E.M.S., men's and women's sleeping quarters, training rooms, recreation area, kitchen and offices. A helipad for life flight has been constructed between the building and SH 332.



The City of Enchantment

Project Updates



Oak Drive

City Hall Segment

The work along this section is complete. This work included the completion of the emergency rear drive to the new Fire-EMS station and various pavement additions to the facility itself including the emergency helipad for lifeline service.



Lake Jackson Intermediate School Segment

The work is progressing ahead of schedule. Plans are to move ahead with the northbound half of the intersection of Circle Way before the scheduled timeline since school is out for the summer and should not create undue inconvenience to the ongoing school construction activity. Once this is completed, work will shift to the southbound lane and right turn lane at OCD.

SH 332 to Oyster Creek Drive Segment

The remaining section of Oak Drive from the highway to Oyster Creek Drive, was placed on cue waiting for the critical Circle Way segment and school segment to progress to a substantial completed status to minimize traffic flow patterns with the central business corridors. Now that this has been accomplished, the project is scheduled for bid in late June, with possible work start-up in early August.

Oyster Creek Hike & Bike Trail

The engineering consultant, Halff and Associates has completed the design of the Oyster Creek Hike and Bike Trail and has submitted the design to the Texas Department of Transportation for approval.



Starting at the intersection of SH 288 and Oyster Creek Drive, the trail will run along the north side of Oyster Creek Drive. At Oak Drive the trail will cross to the south side of Oyster Creek Drive and then continue to Willow Drive, where it will cross back to the north side and will end at Portulaca. The concrete trail will be ten feet wide and 2 miles long.

The trail's estimated cost is \$950,000. Federal highway grant dollars from the Transportation Enhancement Act will pay for eighty percent of the trail's estimated construction and design costs. Its purpose is to reduce the use of the automobile and encourage more pedestrian and bicycle trips.

Construction is anticipated to begin in April of 2006.

WE HAVE A PLAN

New Evacuation Route

In the past, citizens in the Brazoria/Galveston/Harris County area were provided a multitude of possible Hurricane Routes to choose from. This has changed. Once an evacuation is called residents must take the designated evacuation route. In our case the route is SH288 north to Beltway 8, then north to 290 North. The prescribed location to evacuate to is Bryan/College Station. There, shelters will be provided for evacuees. This route will be restricted. In other words, Houston residents will not be allowed onto the North Beltway during a called evacuation. And obviously, NO tolls will be charged.

If you desire to take another route, the best suggestion is to leave prior to the effective time of a called evacuation. Once the evacuation goes into effect, the route described above is the route to take. If you desire to get off the designated route or take another route after the evacuation has begun, you can do that. But, please understand you may be blocked from entering another prescribed route - say SH36 or SH6. And once off the designated route, you may not be able to get back on.

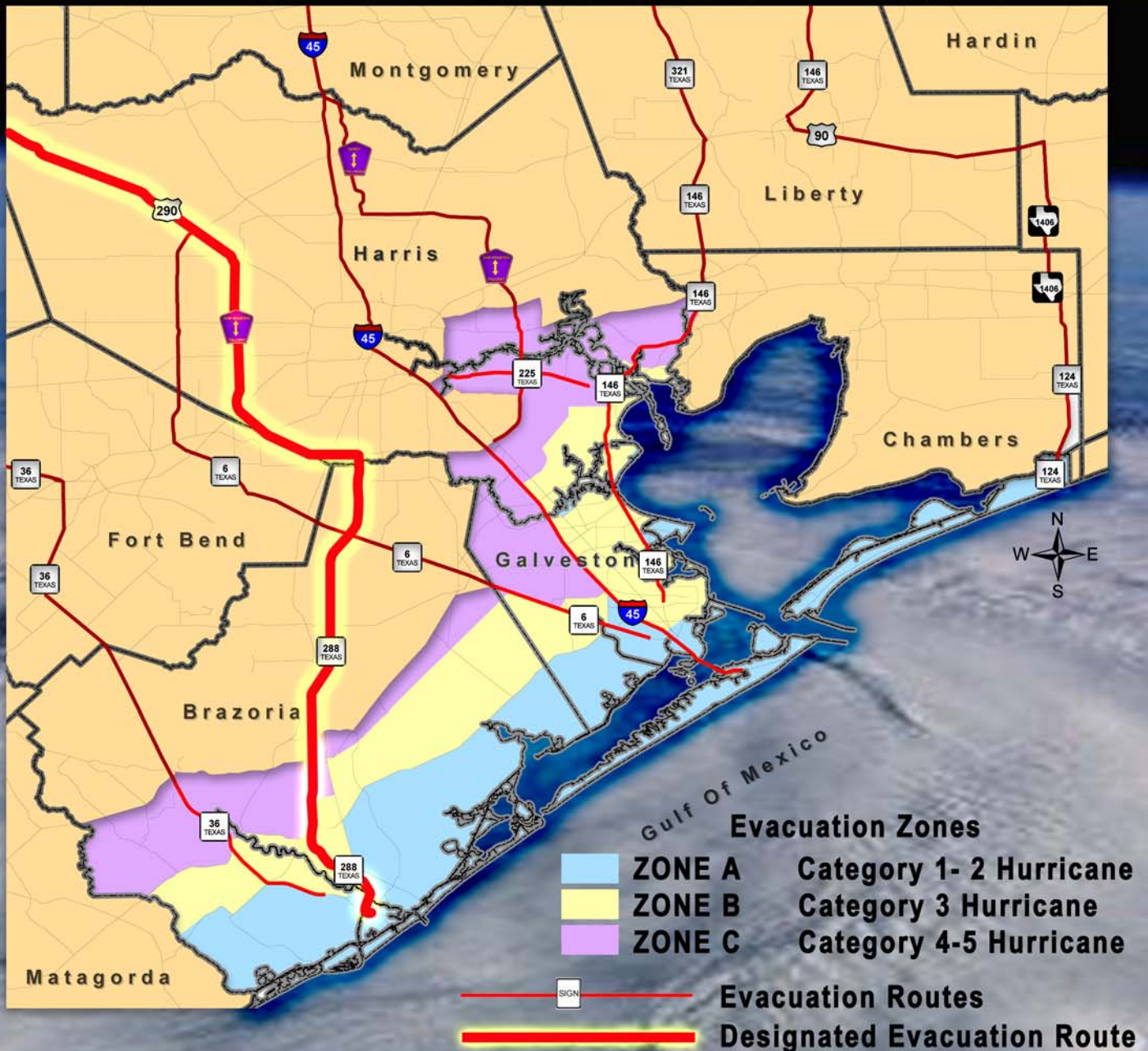
The purpose of these designated routes is to move the largest volume of people in the shortest period of time possible. According to state officials, our area is the last to use designated evacuation routes. Other states and locales in Texas already use this process.

Compliance with this plan will provide for a safe, efficient and timely evacuation for our area.

Hurricane season
is June 1 to November 30.
Here are the names for
the 2005 Atlantic Ocean
storms:

**Arlene
Bret
Cindy
Dennis
Emily
Franklin
Gert
Harvey
Irene
Jose
Katrina
Lee
Maria
Nate
Ophelia
Philippe
Rita
Stan
Tammy
Vince
Wilma**

Brazoria/Galveston/Harris County Hurricane Evacuation Map



Find the location of your home on the map and note the evacuation zone where it is located. If you are in the BLUE ZONE (A), plan to evacuate for all hurricanes. Those in the YELLOW ZONE (B) should plan to evacuate for Category 3, 4 and 5 storms. If you are in the PURPLE ZONE (C), you should plan to evacuate for Category 4 and 5 hurricanes.

If you live near an evacuation zone boundary and are unsure of the evacuation zone you are in, error on the side of caution and assume you are in the zone nearest the coast. If you live in a mobile home in any of the three evacuation zones, plan to evacuate any time a hurricane threatens.

The main evacuation routes are highlighted in red on the map. These routes will take you out of the area of immediate danger to safety and shelter further inland. When a hurricane threatens, listen for instructions from local officials on how and when to evacuate and follow those instructions.

the Saffir Simpson Scale charts hurricanes by wind speed (M.P.H.):

Category 1 74 - 95, Category 2 96-110, Category 3 111-130, Category 4 131 - 155, Category 5 >155

These contents can be assembled over a 5 month period of time on a weekly basis and perishable items should be changed or replaced every six months.

Family Disaster Supply Kit

Keep a small bag packed at all times including a minimum of these select these items:

- Personal sized bottled water (one for each family member - and don't forget your pets)
- One complete change of clothing and footwear per person
- Cash, traveler's checks and/or Credit cards, enough for food gas and lodging.
- Important documents
- Medications
- For Baby: formula, diapers, bottles, medication and powdered milk.
- For Pets: food, leash, harness or carrier, non-tippable food and water containers
- It's a good idea to have some travel games or books for the kids

Make sure you have you vehicles' oil and fuel levels checked regularly during hurricane season!

ESSENTIALS:

- Battery-operated radio
- Flashlight
- Extra Batteries
- Do not include candles, which cause more fires after a disaster than anything else

WATER:

- 3 gallons/person, minimum, in a food-grade, plastic container
- Additional water for sanitation

First Aid Kit:

(one for your home and one for each car)

FOOD:

- Minimum 3-day supply of non-perishable food that requires no refrigeration or preparation and little or no water
- Dry cereal
- Canned fruits
- Canned Juice
- Ready-to-eat soups (not concentrated)
- Peanut butter
- Canned vegetables
- Ready-to-eat canned meats
- Quick energy snacks, graham crackers

TOOLS AND SUPPLIES

- Whistle
- Crowbar
- Paper, Pencil
- Medicine dropper
- Signal Flare
- Assorted nails, wood screws
- Plastic storage containers
- Cash, traveler's checks, change
- Non-electric can opener, utility knife
- Mess kits, or paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- Tape, duct tape and plumber's tape or strap iron
- Patch kit and can of seal-in-air for tires
- Shut off wrench, to turn off household gas & water
- Aluminum Foil
- Compass
- Plastic sheeting
- Needles, thread
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Pliers, screwdriver, hammer
- Heavy cotton or hemp rope
- Map of the area (for locating shelters)
- Charged cell phone battery

SANITATION:

- Disinfectant
- Soap, liquid detergent
- Personal hygiene items
- Feminine supplies
- Plastic garbage bags, ties (for personal sanitation use)
- Household chlorine bleach
- Toilet paper, towelettes, paper towels
- Cloth towels (at least 3)
- Plastic bucket with tight lid

CLOTHING & BEDDING:

- Sunglasses
- Sturdy shoes or work boots
- One complete change of clothing and footwear per person
- Rain gear
- Blankets or sleeping bags

FOR BABY:

- Formula
- Bottles
- Powdered milk
- Diapers
- Medication
- Baby food

FOR PETS:

- Food
- Records of vaccinations
- Leash, harness or carrier
- Non-tippable food and water containers

IMPORTANT FAMILY DOCUMENTS:

- Important telephone numbers
- Record of bank account numbers
- Family records (birth, marriage, death certificates)
- Inventory of valuable household goods
- Copy of will, insurance policies, contracts, deeds, stock and bonds
- Records of credit card account numbers and companies
- Copy of passport, social security cards, immunization records

FAMILY MEDICAL NEEDS:

- Insulin
- Denture
- Contact lenses and supplies
- Prescription drugs
- Extra eye glasses
- Heart and high blood pressure medication

ENTERTAINMENT:

- Games & books

You may want to include: family photos, jewelry and select irreplaceable personal items



Information contributed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Public Works



Do I need a Permit?

For this question, most of the time the answer is YES! In this day and age, it is increasingly common to see homeowners taking a “do-it-yourself” attitude with home repairs. It is completely within the homeowner’s rights and the law for him to do repairs on his or her own homestead. However, most projects will require a building permit and inspection by the city. Some of the most common areas where permits are required are for utility buildings, decks and patios, fence and driveway repairs, and interior remodeling. Remember in most cases a permit and inspection are required, and if you are unsure about the requirements for the project, please contact your City of Lake Jackson Public Works Department for information at 415-2430.

Plumbing Problems?

If you’re having any of the following plumbing problems, call the Water Department first at 415-2434. We will either repair or advise at no charge.

- **Slow running sanitary sewer or a complete sewer backup** - The Water Department will check the city system first and determine whether the cause is attributable to the city or to the customer’s lines. This is to avoid plumbers being called unnecessarily on a city problem.
- **Obvious outside leaks bubbling up out of the ground** - The Water Department will determine if the leak is on the city or customer side of the meter.
- **High Water Consumption/Large Water Bill** - The Water Department will do a pressure test and time the meter to determine if there is a leak in the customer’s system, inside or out.

PUBLIC WORKS
415-2430

Regulations

Two of the regulations least understood are the Snipe Signs ordinance, in particular garage sale signs, and the Home Occupations (business run in your home) requirements within the zoning ordinance.

Can I put up a Garage Sale Sign? Yes, but only on your own property, and only for two days.

Snipe Signs are those small signs which are of a temporary nature and taped, tacked, nailed, posted, glued, or similarly attached to trees, poles, stakes, fences or other object. The City’s Code of Ordinances states that it shall be unlawful to place any snipe signs except garage sale signs within the city. Garage sale signs when posted on their own support and upon the property at which the sale is taking place may be exhibited for two days.

Can I run a business from my home? Yes, but only in some cases.

Home Occupations (a business in your home) are restricted to the following: home office for a salesman or sales or service representative, an artist studio, musician or music teacher, photographer, writer, tailor, architect, dressmaker, registered family homes (less than 12 children) or similar occupations. In addition, the following restrictions are required: cannot cause a significant increase in traffic or receive regular deliveries from delivery trucks, cannot interfere with the primary use of the home as a residence, cannot display or sell stock and trade at the home except custom made to order, must be conducted entirely within the home and not visible from any other residence or public way, shall not have outside storage of equipment or materials, cannot cause annoyance by noise, vibration, heat, glare, or electrical or magnetic interference by use of mechanical, electrical, or other equipment, and no persons other than family members residing on the premise shall be engaged in the business unless required by the licensing authority. So if you are not sure if what you are planning as a home business is acceptable, call your Public Works Department at 415-2430.

Police



Citizens Police Academy

The Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) is a 30-hour block of instruction designed to give the public a working knowledge of the Lake Jackson Police Department. The course consists of a series of ten, three-hour classes, held each Thursday night. Each night a different topic will be covered by police personnel.

The next class begins Thursday, September 1, 2005. Applications may be picked up at the Lake Jackson Police Department. There is no charge for this course.

Young Citizens Police Academy

The Young Citizen's Police Academy (YCPA) is a week long summer program of instruction designed to give the young citizen a working knowledge of the Lake Jackson Police Department.



Those allowed to participate are students who have completed 7th grade thru seniors in high school.

The class will be held at the police department, July 18-21, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and July 22 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Parents are invited on July 22 for the graduation ceremony.

This class is free of charge, and includes lunch. Applications may be picked up at the Lake Jackson Police Department.

National Night Out

The Lake Jackson Police Department will be hosting 'National Night Out' on Tuesday, August 2, 2005, from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. at MacLean Park.

There will be free hot dogs and other refreshments. Handouts will be available for crime prevention and community policing programs. There will also be games and events for children.



This is a great opportunity for you to come out and meet your police officers. Please join us!

Hunter Safety Course

A Hunter Safety Course will be held at the Lake Jackson Police Department September 9-10; September 30- October 1, and October 14-15.



An on-line/home study class will be held August 27, September 10, October 1, and October 15.

To find out more information about these courses, contact Officer Rick Wright at 415-2700.

POLICE
415-2700



Perception/Reality

You are driving down 332 and a pickup truck with lights, sirens, and a Lake Jackson Fire Department sticker comes up behind you. You oblige and give the right of way. As you later pass the fire station you see several vehicles, including the one that went (HOT) around you, parked but no one seems to be in a hurry to get in a fire truck. **What's up?**

Maybe you are driving on Oyster Creek Drive almost to Dixie Drive and a fire truck comes charging out of station #2, lights, sirens and turns onto Dixie Drive. Then just as fast as the sirens and lights are on, they are off. The truck quietly turns off on Center Way. **What's up?**

Every call that we receive from our Lake Jackson dispatchers we consider an emergency – until we have a fire officer arrive on the scene to inform us otherwise, or dispatchers call to tell us it is a false alarm. We will respond as quickly as possible but we also will slow to normal traffic when notified if the initial emergency is deemed non-emergency after all.

As citizens unaware of our situation, please do not assume we just turn on our lights and sirens to get through the light. When you see us trying to quickly get through traffic remember you would want us to get to you just as quickly as we are trying to get to help someone else. What may not seem like an emergency to you is to the person in need.

Firefighter Profile

Billy Yates



Billy has been with the Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department for over 19 years. He has previously held the positions of 1st Assistant Chief, 2nd Assistant Chief, and Captain of Company 1 & 2.

When asked what influenced Mr. Yates to join the fire department, he replied “I felt the need to help people, I had an EMS certification through work and felt I could use it to help others. I started with the idea of just wanting to work on the ambulance, and then the fire side also took hold. When Fire and EMS split in 1999 I elected to do only fire, and it has helped me get more involved and excited about the fire side again.”

Billy says his most memorable event/call as a firefighter was “helping to save a woman who was trapped in a burning. It was a great feeling.”

Personal Message:

“Always use your seatbelts, anytime you get in a vehicle. They will save your life.”

SUGGESTIONS:

- Always be alert to your surroundings on the road.
- Use your mirrors; side and rearview.
- Slow down and move over to the right (if at all possible) when giving the right-of-way to emergency vehicles.
- If there is a lot of traffic congestion it is sometimes easier to split the traffic lanes right and left to give the emergency vehicle the middle of the road.
- It is the law to slow down and move over when passing by an emergency vehicle that is stopped with lights on the roadside.

Food Safety Q&A



Fact or Fiction? The truths of Food Safety are sometimes the exact opposite of what we perceive or have been told for a large portion of our life. Here are a few of the more common ones:

"The other day the cashier took my money and then went back and fixed my food without washing his hands, and money carries so many germs." This is part true and part false, he should wash his hands because he left the food station and returned, but the germ-infested money is false. Our money is treated and does not support the growth of bacteria. Tests have been run on thousands of bills for many years and the results are that the bills do not support the transfer or growth of bacteria.

"With the E. Coli bacteria in beef, all beef should be cooked well done." Not all beef needs to be cooked well done, or to an internal temperature of 165 degrees F. The bacteria is spread on the outer surface of beef which during a steaks cooking the area where the bacteria lies is well seared reaching well over the temperature required to kill it. But when we grind meat we mix the insides and outside surface together, thus mixing the bacteria. So steaks, roasts, and whole cuts of meat can be cooked medium or rare, any ground product must be cooked to an internal temperature of 165 degrees to insure its safety.

"The workers in that restaurant wear gloves so it is safer." If they are following all the proper procedures that might be true, but the problem is that this rarely happens and gloves tend to give a false sense of security and are frequently abused. When we wear gloves we tend to feel we have a barrier against bacteria which when combined with the fact that we no longer can feel the dirt, grit, slime, or moisture we have put on the gloves we forget to exchange them for a new pair as frequently

as we should. Where on the bare hand those slimy chicken juices tell us to go wash our hands.

"I heard that the restaurants always get warned before the inspector visits." Most Health Agencies do not give any warning to food establishments prior to inspection. While the frequency of inspections might give an operator the indication that they are due for an inspection, the date and time of the inspections are pretty random and unknown to the food operators. I know this is true in Lake Jackson, because the locations to be inspected are sometimes not decided upon until the Health Inspector pulls into their parking lot. The Health Inspector has made inspections from Monday to Sunday, from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00p.m.. If they are open, they should be operating properly and should be able to pass an inspection. If you have any questions relating to food safety, call 415-2430.

Rating Placard

EXCELLENT



Food Safety Q&A

Each time a food service is inspected, they are given a rating placard to display. It will be "Excellent", "Good", or "Satisfactory", and should be on display where visible by the customer. But what do these ratings really mean?

Think of them as school grades:

A - Excellent
B - Good
C - Satisfactory

Also remember that even those that are not excellent are required to make corrections of the violations, usually immediately. These ratings are for the health and sanitation procedures of the food service and in no way are reflective of other influences such as taste of product or price. Another important thing to take note of is the consistency of the rating. A place that scores a good rating all the time is usually safer than one that scores an excellent one inspection and a satisfactory the next. Another point to know is that while most establishments will receive an inspection about every four months, these are random inspections and the establishment has no knowledge of their date and time. But with food safety in mind it is always excellent to dine with the places that have an excellent record of being excellent, i.e. "the straight A student".

Look for these Rating Placards!!!

Recreational Events



July

Lake Jackson Day

Astros Kids' Trash Cans Promotional Giveaway
(First 10,000 kids 14 and under)

Houston Astros vs. Los Angeles Dodgers

Sunday, July 10 @ 1:05 p.m.

Gates open at 11:35 a.m.

Take advantage of special discounted ticket pricing!

- ◆ Field Boxes \$28
- ◆ Bullpen Boxes \$15
- ◆ Mezzanine \$10
- ◆ View Deck I \$6
- ◆ View Deck II \$5



Visit our website at
www.ci.lake-jackson.tx.us
or stop by the Recreation Center
for ticket purchase information.

August

Splash Day

Outdoor Pool • August 4, 2005 • 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

September

Brazosport Relay Triathlon

Saturday, September 10, 2005 • MacLean Park

Course: 1k swim, two 5k runs & 15 mile cycle

Swimmers start at Lake Jackson Recreation Center Pool. Sixteen swimmers (two swimmers entering the pool at 10-second intervals in each of 8 lanes) will be assigned to each of the swim heats. As each swimmer finishes, he/she will tag the first of two runners who will each run one 5k, winding through MacLean Park. The second runner will pass a finish point and the staged cyclist will be released to ride the final leg consisting of a 15 mile course that loops throughout the Brazosport area and finishes at MacLean Park.

For information: email bportrelaytri@ccaaswim.org
or call 238-5037 or send mail to: Brazosport Relay Triathlon
P.O. Box 1391, Lake Jackson, TX 77566-1391.

Seniors



The Lake Jackson Senior Citizens Commission has served over 11,000 seniors in an effort to uphold their mission of "making a difference in the life of every person who is 55 and older".

Upcoming Events

July

- 25 - Discussion with Glenn Heath
- 26 - Game Night

August

- 11 - Czech Heritage Celebration
- 22 - Discussion with Glenn Heath
- 23 - Game Night

Board Members

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Jess Charpentier, Chairperson | 297-2180 |
| Barbara Blanchard | 265-1967 |
| Gilbert Bohuslav | 297-6800 |
| Estella Cabrera, Vice Chairperson | 297-4138 |
| Galen Dinning | 297-7745 |
| Sandy Erickson, Secretary | 285-0300 |
| Leroy Lewis | 292-0063 |
| Thelma McDaniel | 297-2284 |
| George Stewart | 297-3302 |
| Bob Winters | 265-8022 |



For Your Information



Plumbing problems?

If you're having plumbing problems, call City Hall first. We will either repair or advise. There is no charge.

Cooking Oil and Grease Recycling now available!!

City of Lake Jackson residents may now drop off cooking oil and grease at the Mulch Site at 103 Canna Lane. A special container will be available to accommodate these oils. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, and Saturday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Closed on Sunday and Monday.

Is a dumpster too big? The solution to your disposal needs!

New for smaller remodeling jobs -
One (1) Cubic Yard Disposable Box.
Simply put all your remodeling debris in the box, keep it for up to 60 days, and then the City will come get it for you. \$50 - Delivered to your door or \$40 - if you pick it up.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at (979) 415-2430.

Landscapers!! Tree Trimmers!! Contractors!!

Tree Debris may now be disposed of at the Mulch Site! The fee is \$4 per cubic yard. Simply come to the Public Works Department in the City Hall to set up an account, or call (979) 415-2430 for more information

The City of Lake Jackson has **Cable Channel 16** to provide a variety of information to you, the citizen. We hope you find this information useful. For questions concerning information on this channel, please contact Kim Knapp at 415-2407. Thank you.



Animal Shelter

The adoption center and animal drop off are open during the following hours:

| | |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Tuesday-Friday | 12:00 - 5:30 p.m. |
| Saturday | 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. |

If you are looking for your lost or missing pet, you may visit the shelter during the above hours or call 285-2340, x100. You may also call the shelter from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday and Monday to schedule a visit.

Fees for drop off are as follows:

Residents of Clute, Freeport and Lake Jackson

No charge for a stray

\$40 for an owned animal

\$50 for an owned litter and mother.

The adoption fee is \$75 plus a \$25 deposit, which is completely refundable once proof of spay/neuter is submitted to the shelter staff.

Adoption Fees include:

- Spay or Neuter • Vaccinations • De-worming
- Heartworm test • Heartworm preventative
- Feline leukemia test • Fecal exam
- Flea preventative • Adoption kit



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Welcome councilmembers **Rob Dotson**, appointed April 2005 to fill the unexpired term of Benny Dunn; **Joe Rinehart**, re-elected to Position 1; **Gerald Roznovsky**, elected to Position 3; and **Bob Sipple**, elected to Position 5.

Theses May 7th City Election Propositions Passed:

Proposition No. 1

The issuance of \$5,200,000 in street, drainage, sidewalks, water and sewer improvements bonds.

Proposition No. 2

The issuance of \$2,500,000 in facility bonds for constructing, reconstructing or renovating the old Fire/EMS/Police facility to improve the municipal court, the emergency police dispatch center, and emergency operations center.

MAY 7, 2005 VOTING STATISTICS

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| Registered Voters in Lake Jackson | 17,465 |
| Total May 7, 2005 Election Turn-out | 1,282 |
| Percent of Registered Voters who Voted | 7.34% |